

**Human Services Commission
Minutes of the Meeting
February 13, 2006**

Call To Order: The meeting was called to order by Yale Cantor, Chairman at 6:36 P.M.

PRESENT: Sue Stack, Melinda Ferry, Hassan Salley, Helen Filloramo, Yale Cantor, Cindy Heidari.

ABSENT: Sharon Schall

EXCUSED: Sandi Orsini

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motioned (H. Filloramo), Seconded (S. Stack) and passed by all those present to accept the minutes of the January 9, 2006 meeting.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT: The Human Services Director and other town officials met with the representative from the search company hired by the Board of Education to find a new superintendent for the school system. The meeting was productive and positive. it was good to have the opportunity to share views on this matter. Each town official was given a questionnaire to complete before the meeting.

TRIAD will host a senior safety day on Sunday, June 11th from 2:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M. at the senior center. The event will be held outside in the town hall parking lot and the senior center courtyard. The theme will be "Get the Scoop on Crime". Booths will be staffed by community and town agencies, the police, and fire department. For every booth that a senior goes to a stamp will be placed on their card . Each stamp represents the number of toppings they can get on their ice cream.

Ellington will collaborate with the Town of Vernon and the Town of Tolland to apply for a matching grant offered through the Capitol Region of Government and the State Department of Transportation. This grant will be a "pass through" to Hockanum Valley Community Council to expand services and replace vehicles. The grant is due in March 2006.

The AARP Tax Preparation Program has begun for the season. The program will run from February 2nd to April 13th. The number of participants for this program keeps increasing.

The Elderly Outreach Caseworker and the Human Services Director have been invited to attend a housing development meeting to hear a presentation for low-moderate income housing.

OLD BUSINESS: Commission members discussed the January 31st housing survey presentation presented by Dr.Cindy Gruman of UCONN 's Center on Aging. The presentation was well received by those in attendance. Dr. Gruman was asked to submit a list of recommendations of projects that could be undertaken based on the survey findings.

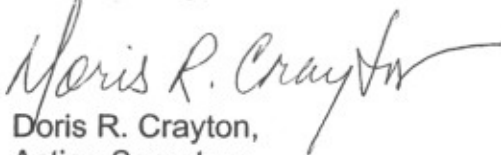
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NEW BUSINESS: The survey recommendations will be discussed over the next several months as the Commission decides where do they go from here and how are they going to use data from the survey to meet the housing and social services needs of the community.

A draft of the 2007 Human Services budget was discussed. At the March meeting the budget will be reviewed in its entirety and voted upon. The Board of Finance presentation is on Tuesday, March 14th.

ADJOURNMENT: Motioned (M. Ferry), Seconded (H. Filloramo) and passed by all those present to adjourn at 7:35 P.M.

Submitted by,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Doris R. Crayton". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Doris R. Crayton,
Acting Secretary